

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 (canceled).

6. (New) A method for triggering a restraining device in a vehicle, comprising:
  - determining a value of at least one parameter relating to an impact with an object based on data provided from a pre-crash sensor system; and
  - adjusting an intensity of the triggering of the restraining device as a function of the value of the at least one parameter.
7. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one parameter includes at least one of an offset of an expected point of impact from a longitudinal axis of the vehicle, an expected angle of impact with an object, an expected speed of impact, and an expected time of impact.
8. (New) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the intensity of the triggering is reduced when an object is periodically detected by the pre-crash sensor system over a predetermined period of time.
9. (New) A device for triggering a restraining device in a vehicle having a pre-crash sensor system, the device comprising:
  - a control unit configured to determine at least one parameter based on data from the precrash sensor system, the control unit configured to transmit at least one output signal for triggering the restraining device as a function of the at least one parameter; and
  - an arrangement for adjusting an intensity of the triggering of the restraining device coupled to the control unit, the arrangement adjusting the intensity as function of the at least one output signal.

10. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the restraining device is a reversible restraining device.